Docket No. 5619-NEEC



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: TONG) .	
Application No.: 09/396,715)	Group Art Unit: 1764
Filed: September 15, 1999)	Examiner: Arnold
For: PHOSPHORUS-SULFUR BASED ANTIFOULANTS))	RESPONSE TO OFFICE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Mail Stop: Non-Fee Amendment

Sir:

Please find enclosed the following documents in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment:

Amendment (10 Pages); Certificate of First Class Mailing; Postcard

Applicant initially submitted the enclosed Amendment on April 30, 2004 in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003. Applicant submits a revised version of the Amendment amending the claim status identifiers from "previously amended" to "previously presented".

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 19-1351. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 19-1351 as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for fee purposes.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 30, 2003, please amend the following:

Amendments to the Specification, begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 6.